



SynNor Brevet

Synnøve-Nordkap
Lodge #1 - 008

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Front Page News

Flowers and Gardens of Norway

Jenn Hovland, Certified Professional Floral Designer, owner of Fleur de Louise Flower Studio in Stillwater will share some floral adventures from travels in Norway as well as stories of her floral design work at Art in Bloom and at the Philadelphia Flower Show.

She will also create a Valentine inspired floral arrangement to be given away at the end of the meeting.

To see photo highlights of her work, follow her on Instagram at [Fleur_de_Louise_Flower_Studio](#).

A special SON Valentine's discount of \$10 on any floral order of \$85 or more is available by ordering on February 11th or by calling 651-327-0644. (Delivery on February 14th, to Twin Cities metro.) Mention that you are a SON member when you call!



Fra Presidenten

Hilsen og glad Valentinsdag.

Do Norwegians celebrate Valentine's Day? Yes they do, and in much the same way we celebrate in the United States. Cards expressing love and romantic wishes are exchanged and custom made gift baskets are a popular item. Flowers, especially red roses, are given as expressions of love.

Our January Chili Dump was a great success although attendance was lower than expected. Mange tusen takk to all who brought food and arranged for the evening's activities, which included bingo and a Valentine's Day themed trivia game. This meeting was also the installation of your new Lodge officers for 2020. Jan Osmanson, our District 1, Zone 9 Chairperson, was the installing officer.

The first large lodge activity is the Festival of Nations and the Norway Café. This is our main source of funding for the lodge scholarship program. In 2019, the Norway Café generated just over \$2800. It would be great if we could surpass this amount in 2020! Connie Chrissis has agreed to be the head recruiter lining up the all-important volunteers that make this event fun and successful. A volunteer sign-up sheet will be at our February, March and April meetings as well as being posted on-line using SignUp Genius. The link to the Festival days sign-up sheet can be found at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040E4DAAA2EA4FD0-festival>. Connie will also be posting a link to the sign-up sheet for cooking day at Gustavus Adolphus Church. SignUpGenius is easy to use and allows you to sign up from the comfort of your own home, anytime of the day or night. You do not need to attend a Lodge meeting to choose when and how you wish to contribute to this all important Lodge fund raising event.



President Chuck Draheim

Counselor's Corner

Dear Members,

It's February—think Valentine's Day! We were disappointed to see so few members attend our January Chili Dump Dinner. I can assure you that those of us who attended had a terrific time and a wonderful meal! I cannot encourage you strongly enough to come next year.

I look forward to our monthly social meetings so we can get to see one another, fellowship, encourage, and enjoy a fun program. I'm not certain who, but someone (very wise, no doubt) once said, "Ninety percent of life is JUST SHOWING UP." If you need assistance getting here, contact a board member for help. We need your input, presence, and participation. Looking forward to seeing your smiling faces on February 11th.

Blessings,
Sharon

Secretary's Report

Synnøve-Nordkap Lodge #1 – 008, Board Meeting, 1/07/2020

The Board met on Tue, January 7, 2020 at 6:30pm at the Maplewood Library.

Members in attendance: Sharon Amann, Dianne Anderson, Ingrid Bjorum, Pat Carlson, Connie Chrissis, Chuck Draheim, Jean Draheim, Lynn Hoffmeyer, Lowell Johnson, Ron Stow, Susan Stow, and Heidi Slen Walsh

President Chuck Draheim called the meeting to order.

1. SECRETARY'S REPORT: Approved as printed.
2. TREASURER'S REPORT - JEAN: Approved as presented.
3. HEALTH REPORTS: Harry Thomsen passed away.
4. COMMITTEE REPORTS:
 - a. **Junior Lodge – Susan**: Placed announcement in paper to increase number of dancers in Peer Gynt group. Fish toss and sledding party this Saturday. Requested Skogfjorden brochures/applications for children to bring home to family.
 - b. **Foundation – Susan**: General Heritage and Cultural grant not available for Lodges. Will instead apply for Local Lodge Partnership Grant and Helping Hands to Children to help host Gralum Children's Choir.
 - c. **Brevet/Web Site – Ingrid**: Children scholarship info on web. Discussion about electronic storage of Board documents.
 - d. **District 1 - Ron**: Need 4 delegates and 4 alternates for District 1 Convention. To be considered for 2020 National Convention in Norway, you must have first been a delegate to District 1. Discussion on non-discrimination clause resolution. MM/Passed: A stipend to each delegate to offset cost of attending District 1 Convention.
 - e. **Cultural Director – Ron**: Discussion on potential trips to Little Falls and/or Fort Ripley.
 - f. **Membership – Connie**: 3 new members this month.
 - g. **Festival of Nations - Chuck**: Discussion postponed.
 - h. **Julebord – Sharon**: Discussion postponed.
 - i. **Chili Dump – Sharon**: Sharon will pick up ice cream. Still need a couple items, but all soup slots filled. Still need volunteers for clean-up.
5. Old Business:

Sons of Norway 125th Anniversary Reception RSVP now closed.
6. New Business:
 - a. Feb 2020 Program: Flowers/Gardens of Norway – Jenn Hovland.
 - b. Discussion about Board of Director positions and voting rights. Resolution in regard to voting rights tabled until Feb 2020 meeting to allow Ron and Lowell to research.

Next Board of Directors meeting – Tuesday, February 4, 2020, 6:30-8:30 pm at the Maplewood Library, 3025 Southlawn Dr, Maplewood. **Note the start time.**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Slen Walsh

Synnøve-Nordkap Lodge #1 – 008, Lodge Meeting, 1/14/2020

The Lodge Meeting for Synnøve-Nordkap Lodge #1-008 met on Tue, January 14 at 630 pm at Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church, 1669 Arcade St, St Paul, MN.

- There were 29 in attendance. Guests were Glenn and Jan Osmonson
- President Chuck Draheim called the meeting to order.
- There were no birthdays or anniversaries to celebrate for January.
- Chuck invited everyone to the buffet table for a delicious 'chili dump' dinner.
- Following dinner, Jan Osmonson, Director of Zone 9 District 1, presided over the installation of our 2020 slate of elected officers and committee chairs.
- Chuck announced that our goal for new members in 2019 was met and exceeded. This is Sons of Norway's 125th year in existence, and we are the 8th oldest lodge in the organization. Chuck asks our membership to help in any way we can to keep our lodge functioning at a high level. For the future, we need to explore new programs and ideas to attract new members and retain current ones.
- Ron Stow presented information about the District 1 convention which will take place at Cragun's Resort in Brainerd, MN on June 4-6. We currently have 3 delegates and can add one more. We also have 3 of 4 alternates. Synnøve-Nordkap lodge will cover \$385 for each of the 4 delegates who will represent the lodge. This amount includes convention registration, 2 nights hotel, and 7 meals. See Ron if you are interested in being either a delegate or an alternate.
- Ron made a request asking for anyone who is interested in take the Recording Secretary position to see him.
- Chuck thanked Sharon Amann for putting tonight's dinner together.
- Dianne Anderson and Sheryl Hove led us in playing a game of bingo with many winning prizes. Dianne called the numbers, and Sheryl repeated them in Norwegian.
- We ended the evening with an ice cream treat.
- NEXT LODGE MEETING will be on Tue, February 11 at 7pm at Gustavus Adolphus Church.

Finance and Benefits

The Sons of Norway Life Insurance Division is pleased to announce that we are offering a **free financial security analysis**. As a member of this Lodge you have the ability to contact me to set an appointment to review any or all aspects of your financial situation. We look at any current insurance policies and also investments that you may have. We will determine if there are any areas of your situation that should be reviewed or determine if some changes should be considered. Sons of Norway offers a vast array of quality life insurance products. A new portfolio of annuities have also been introduced during the past year. Please do not hesitate to contact me.

Dave Okeson, Agent for the Sons of Norway

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District 1

Attention, **painters, carvers, knitters, rosemalers, photographers, Hardanger embroiderers** and others who would like to enter projects in the **Nordic Folk Art Exhibition/Competition** at the **2020 Sons of Norway District 1 Convention June 4-6** at Cragun's Resort in Brainerd Minnesota:

For detailed information on the Folk Art Competition, please see the District 1 website at Sofn-1.org/convention-news/ or contact your lodge Cultural Director, Ron Stow stowronald@gmail.com

All entries must be registered by May 1, 2020.



All members are encouraged to participate in this wonderful event. Several Synnove-Nordkap Lodge members entered and won prizes at the 2018 International Convention. You can do it, too!

The North Cape

by Don Halvorson

Francesco Negri, an Italian priest traveling in Scandinavia in the seventeenth century, is accredited with being the first foreigner to visit the North Cape in 1664. After returning home in 1670, he published *Viaggio settentrionale*, an account of his experience. In it he describes the flora and fauna of the region, and his strong observations of the physical characteristics of the native population of Lapland.

To the Norwegians it is Nordkapp, to the Northern Sami it is Davvenjarga. The North Cape sits on the northern coast of the island of Magerøya in the north Norway fylke of Finnmark. At land's end a cliff rises 1007 feet above the frigid waters where the north Atlantic and the Arctic Oceans come together. Topping the cliff sits the North Cape plateau, the northernmost land point in Europe. Near the cliff's edge, where the European Highway E69 finally ends, stands the North Cape Hall visitors center.

Built in 1988, this popular tourist destination is open for two or three months a year and includes a café, restaurant, post office, souvenir shop, a small museum, and theater. The chapel, St. Johannes Kapell is the northernmost ecumenical chapel and a popular place for weddings. Inland from the sea, miles away from the center, the Sami continue to

tend their reindeer herds much as they have done on this plateau for thousands of years. Wild reindeer herds also roam the island. Every spring the Norwegian Army transports thousands of reindeer to their summer pasture on Magerøya.



The bird cliff at Gjesværstappan is a popular bird watching attraction. Hundreds of thousand of birds, including gannets, puffins and

cormorants, call this cliff home. Fishing on a chartered boat for giant sea crabs is also a popular diversion. Hikers have several challenging trails on the island that lead to an impressive view of the North Cape plateau or the bird cliff. Others come for the opportunity to enjoy the wonder and enchantment of the Northern Lights. Travelers can also visit Honningsvåg, the largest town on the island, and a number of small fishing villages.



In the winter of 1943, North Cape became the scene of a major naval battle. As early as 1941, large Allied convoys had begun delivering much needed war materials to Russia, hoping to slow down the German *blitzkrieg*. Their route took them across the North Atlantic, into the Arctic Ocean, and past the North Cape. Early in 1943, to counter this move, Germany sent their large battleship,

Scharnhorst to North Norway to join its sister ship, *Tirpitz*. Together they were ordered to hunt down and destroy all enemy convoys wherever they were found.

Early on the murky morning of December 26th, the *Scharnhorst* was spotted by a British Navy patrol. Included in that patrol was the battleship *HMS Duke of York*, several cruisers, destroyers and the *HNoMS Stord*, a ship of the exiled Royal Norwegian Navy. The *Scharnhorst* was outnumbered, but because of its larger guns, was not outgunned. Its weakness was its radar. It could not detect how close the British ships were. The *Scharnhorst* was faster, but could be outmaneuvered. After an intense hit and run battle that lasted most of that day, the end came, when the battered, outmanned *Scharnhorst*, was finally finished off by a torpedo barrage and sunk.

[TheNorthCape,NorwaFinnmark,Norway](https://www.visitnorway.com/placesto/northern-norway/nortcape) <https://www.visitnorway.com/placesto/northern-norway/nortcape>

[Battle of the North Cape — The North Sea Clash - History](https://www.historyonthenet.com/battle-of-the-north-cape) <https://www.historyonthenet.com/battle-of-the-north-cape>

Norwegian Language Classes

"SON Norwegian Language Lessons"
Tuesday Class, February 11, 6:30-7:00 p.m.
at Gustavus Adolphus Church before the
meeting in the back corner

"Norsk Nordmenn og Norge" book & "Ny i
Norge" book
Wednesday Class, February 12 &
19, 1:00-2:30 p.m.
at SunRay Library, 2105 Wilson Ave., St.
Paul, MN 55119

WELCOME to new members!

Please contact Class Facilitator Sheryl Hove
at sherylhove@netzero.net or 651-738-4908
for information

Stoughton Dancers

The World Famous Stoughton Norwegian
Dancers will perform at St. Olaf College in
Northfield, MN on Sunday, March 8th at
2:00 p.m.

The group began in 1953 and is still going
strong today some 67 years later. They tour
nationally and internationally and perform
50-60 times every school year. If you have
never seen these fine young men and
women, it is a must see. They entertain
audiences of all ages with acrobatic stunts,
precision folk dancing, and humor.

[http://
www.stoughtonnorwegiandancers.com/](http://www.stoughtonnorwegiandancers.com/)

Genealogy Group

The **February 1st** Genealogy Group
meeting will be from 10 am to noon at the
White Bear Lake Library, 2150 2nd Street,
White Bear Lake. Newcomers are always
welcome. We will help you get started
organizing your information and teach you
how to research your ancestors. An
optional lunch at a nearby restaurant will
follow the meeting.

The **March 7th** Genealogy Group meeting
will be from 10 am to noon at the
Stillwater Library. The Stillwater Library is
located at 224 – 3rd Street North in
Stillwater. On street parking is available on
both 3rd and 4th Streets. There is also a
parking ramp that can be entered from
the 3rd Street side. The Conference Room
is on the top floor of the library.

Hardanger Huldras

Upcoming meeting dates:

Friday, February 7th

Friday, March 13th

Friday, April 17th

Friday, May 15th

Please contact Susan Stow for more
information: burle103@aol.com or
651-439-7255

For Information:

Chuck Draheim, President 651-433-2008 or
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Lowell Johnson, Vice President
Ingrid Bjorum, Brevet Editor ingrid@steinmetz.org

Junior Lodge

This year, our fish toss fish were named Ole and Torkel. As it turns out, Torkel proved to be the high flyer, although the two fish were about the same size. "He", meaning Torkel, flew thirty-three feet directed by Owen Stow, age 10. The outdoor sledding and fish toss event was on a particularly cold afternoon. Everyone seemed to be wrapped up thoroughly, so we toughed it out, which is Norwegian style of being outdoors in winter weather in just the right clothing.

We are registered for the Children's, Teen's performances for Festival of Nations. I also said we could do the 15 minute performance at the Atrium at the bottom of the elevator, which must have a number of audience participation dances. That is not confirmed as yet, but would perform sometime in between the other two show times on Saturday, May 2nd, if we are selected.

There will be three parts to our February 8th meeting: continuing our rosemailing cultural skill goals, registering our sports and exercise points for sports medals, and working on our choreography. We look forward to dancing at the Synnøve-Nordkap Membership Dinner on Tuesday, April 11th and performing for senior residents at the Estates of Greeley in Stillwater on Saturday, May 9th.



Fish toss winner Owen Stow

Lodge Scholarships

It's that time of year again! Applications for scholarships offered by Synnøve-Nordkap lodge for the upcoming year are now available on the lodge website. Our Lodge offers three types of scholarships: Language camp scholarships, postsecondary scholarships, and nordic experience scholarships. There truly is something offered for every type of member.

The scholarship for language camp is available to youth whose parents and/or grandparents belong to Synnøve-Nordkap lodge. The post-secondary education scholarship (4 year, 2 year or vocational training) is available to active Lodge or Junior Lodge members or to the children or grandchildren of active lodge members.

Adult Synnøve-Nordkap members now also have the opportunity to reap the benefits of Lodge fundraising by applying for funds to learn a Scandinavian folk art, take a Norwegian language class, or pursue your family history.

See our website, <https://synn-nord.org/scholarships/>, or contact Sasha Aslanian, Lodge Scholarship Coordinator, at sashaaslanian@gmail.com or 612-720-1021 for inquiries and/or application materials.

The mission of the Sons of Norway is to promote and to preserve the heritage and culture of Norway, to celebrate our relationship with other Nordic countries, and provide quality insurance and financial products to our members.



Synnøve-Nordkap Lodge #1-008:

District 1 Lodge of the Year in 2013, Family Lodge of the Year in 2006, 2008, 2013, 2016, 2017

Visit Synnøve-Nordkap online: <http://synnove1.com/>

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/synnor/albums>

<https://peergyntdancers.wordpress.com/about/>

<https://www.facebook.com/SynnoveNordkap/>

Date and Time	Event	Location
Tuesday, February 4, 6:30 pm	Monthly Board of Directors Meeting ** All members welcome **	Ramsey County Library - Maplewood 3025 Southlawn Dr Maplewood, MN 55109
Friday, February 7, 10:00 am	Hardanger Huldras	103 E. Burlington Stillwater, MN 55082
Tuesday, November 11, 6:30-7 pm	Norwegian Language Class	Gustavus Adolphus Church, 1669 Arcade St., St. Paul, MN 55106
Tuesday, February 11, 7:00 pm	Monthly Lodge Meeting	Gustavus Adolphus Church
Wednesday, February 12, 1-2:30pm	Norwegian Language Book Group	Sun Ray Library 2105 Wilson Ave., St. Paul 55109
Wednesday, February 19, 1-2:30pm	Norwegian Language Book Group	Sun Ray Library
Saturday, March 7, 10 - Noon	Genealogy Group Meeting	Stillwater Public Library 224 Third Street North Stillwater, MN 55082